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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 691

By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Benita Albert of Oak Ridge High School on her receipt of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the elected representatives of this great state should pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have dedicated their careers to making education a relevant and productive experience for our youth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Benita Albert, a teacher at Oak Ridge High School, is most assuredly one such superlative educator who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Albert was recently honored by her receipt of the prestigious Siemens Award for Advanced Placement; she is one of only 20 educators nationwide, and only two teachers in the Southern Region, to be so honored this year; and

WHEREAS, Benita has been deservedly honored for her teaching method in Geometry, specifically a year-long class project called "Home, Home on the Plane," in which each student has an assigned point with which to work, reflecting and rotating the points, even forming triangles; and

WHEREAS, she is also an Advanced Placement Calculus, Calculus II and Geometry instructor, who teaches with great enthusiasm and concern for her students, both in the classroom and in life; and

WHEREAS, Benita Albert truly personifies the spirit of the Award for Advanced Placement, as she inspires her students to imagine a better future and work toward creating a better world by encouraging excellence in them and their peers; and

WHEREAS, she has been described by ORHS Principal Jim Duncan as an outstanding teacher who is not only highly regarded by her students, but is also recognized as a "teacher's teacher"; and

WHEREAS, her love for mathematics began in a one-room schoolhouse in the Cottage Grove School Community near Moberly, Missouri, where she as a student would absorb the lesson plans of other grades as they were being taught; and

WHEREAS, Benita is especially grateful for the love and support that she receives from her family, colleagues, friends, and students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert should be saluted for her stalwart dedication to quality education and to her community, and for the positive impact that she has had on the lives of her students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Mrs. Benita Albert on her receipt of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success in education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.